

Every good member stands with Brother Talley and the work. What he needs is the prayers and financial support of all the churches. The work is on a fair way to succeed and in a very few years will partially if not wholly take care of itself.

We praise God for answering our prayers by giving us the best and most practical Conference that we have ever had. The purchase of the Chicago Church and arrangements to enter the foreign field alone richly repaid for all the time and money expended at Conference. This Conference seems to be a year of great blessing for the church. With the \$2,000 given foreign field the Conference raised more than \$5,000. With the increase of missionary sentiment, and arrangements to enter the foreign field as soon as possible, the purchase of the church in Chicago, with the College set on fire with a missionary spirit, and with the history of the Brethren Church by Brother Holsinger all these are gratifying, and mark a new era in the Brethren Church. Let us thank God and take courage, bury all the little local troubles and go to work as never before. An idle brain is the devils workshop says an author, and it is true. Go to work for God and you wont have time to quarrel. I have never been so much encouraged as at the present time. Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

I. D. BOWMAN.

Sergeantsville, N. J.

Communion services were held in the Brethren church Sunday evening, Sept. 1, conducted by the pastor, Rev. E. Smith assisted by Rev. Replogle of Johnstown, Pa. A large number of the members were present and we had a good meeting. Miss Maggie Wilson, at present the organist in our church will leave next Monday for Huntington, Pa., where she will take a course in music. The annual picnic of the Brethren Sunday-school was held Thursday, August 29, in Williamson's Grove above this village. An address was given by Rev. Replogle, singing was had and an enjoyable time by all. Garvan Smith, son of our pastor, Rev. E. Smith, left this morning, (Monday) for Ashland, Ohio, where he will resume his college course. Rev. Eugene Smith preached an excellent sermon Sunday morning on "Christian Influence."

Falls City, Nebraska

As a church we feel we are not retrograding. Ten people went from here to Conference, and that we think is pretty good for one church, seven hundred miles away. Not one has a word of regret, but all will try to have still others go with them next year. And what a blessed Conference we had. How we rejoiced to hear the burning words of the sanctified ones, who have given themselves wholly to the services of the Lord.

If any are afflicted with a poor opinion of our organization. Young in years and small in numbers they need only to go and meet that valiant band of pioneers, who organized and prospered Conference and institutions of the church. Then they will say surely the Lord hath here a chosen people.

At request of officers of the National Mission Board, I tarried in Chicago one day to assist in closing the purchase of our beautiful church there.

We did what we could to transact the business in a careful business way. We don't want to lose the \$300 we pay now, and we don't want the money returned to us later, with the remark that the deed for the property cannot be gotten, as at first expected. We guarded against accidents as best we could.

We had the advice of a good lawyer, and its being church business, he very kindly waived all fees.

The brotherhood I know, will cheerfully and promptly raise a few thousand dollars, then by new years we will have a house of worship and parsonage in Chicago, for which we can thank God devoutly. I find thirteen families in the Chicago Mission, working in union and harmony with Brother Talley.

This is certainly a good showing, and all can rest assured, they appreciate the kindness of the brotherhood, in buying a property for their use. They will now all be diligent, in brightening up the place, and making it one of the finest properties in the neighborhood. The property is bought at a bargain.

My opinion is, that within a year we might dispose of the property, for at least one thousand dollars profit. But it will not be for sale. The location is in a beautiful residence part of the city. While street and elevated cars are near enough, it is worth a great deal to have no noisy street cars in the street, on which the church is located.

The First Conference in this new century did not adjourn until a good church in one of the greatest cities of the world was decided upon, and thousands of dollars pledged for Missions and the College. We must see to it that each succeeding Conference excels this one in results.

SAMUEL LIGHTY.

Communion Notices

The Vinco charge will hold their semi annual Love-Feast September 29th. Preaching on Saturday evening previous, also on Sunday morning 10:30 Love Feast services will begin Sunday eve 7:30. We expect brother P. M. Swinehart of Berlin Pa., to be present and to conduct all these services. We kindly and cordially invite all God's children to come and participate in these services with us.

J. L. BOWMAN.

Communion meeting in New Virginia, Iowa, Sept 28 1901. in the Brethren Church. A cordial invitation to all of like faith.

—I. L. THOMAS.

There will be held in the Bethel Church, Cass Co., Mich, Saturday eve, Oct. 12. A communion service. All of like faith come and let us have a time of rejoicing.

WALTER CLARK.

Our District Conference

Do not forget our Conference Sept. 24, 25 and 26. Fine meeting in store for us, and a good and helpful time is expected. Put off that other matter and come to Carleton. Our good women are arranging to take care of you. Sept. 24 is the opening night. Come.

JOHN DUKE MCFADEN.

Notice

The Indiana State Conference of the Brethren church convenes at Nappanee, Ind., Oct. 8, 9, and 10.

Annual sermon by moderator on Monday evening, Oct. 7.

Organization Tuesday morning Oct. 8, at 10 o'clock.

Let each church send a full quota of delegates.

If you need any more blank credentials, write me at once.

WM. H. MILLER.

College Opening

Many were surprised to see such a large number of young people present on the morning of the opening. To date (Wednesday noon) there are 55 enrolled and a number of others on their way to Ashland.

Classes have been organized and the work is starting off in a very gratifying manner. From the outlook at present, we feel safe in predicting an enrollment this fall term of between 75 and 90.

The boarding hall is well patronized. The furnished rooms for gentlemen have all been occupied. Other rooms are being fitted up for gentlemen who are on the ground, waiting for them. On the whole, the prospects are exceedingly gratifying. You will hear from us later and often.

DAILY PRAYER: "I WILL MAKE IT THE RULE OF MY LIFE TO PRAY EVERY DAY"

AMOS R. WELLS

"I'd rather know how to pray than how to preach," says Dr. J. Wilbur Chapman. "I may preach, and move men; but if I can pray, I can move God."

The first point about prayer to be settled in one's mind is that it *does* move God. Suddenly one day there rushed into the brain of the famous English preacher, Dr. Archibald G. Brown, the thought of a brother minister, eighty miles away, whom he had known years before, coupled with the impression that he must send him five pounds. So strong was the impression that Dr. Brown sent the money. Afterward he learned that at that instant the minister, being in sore need of five pounds, had risen early and was earnestly praying for it in the vestry of his church. Hundreds and thousands of similar instances might be cited. God does answer prayer.

Of course, we must do our part also. Near the death of Spurgeon, the treasury of his great and blessed orphanage fell very low. "You must work another miracle," said his deacons, at a meeting when they were considering the matter. Spurgeon prayed for the needed sum, as they all knelt. "Now," said he, "let us see what we can do ourselves." He started the subscription with \$250, and the men present added \$2,000 more. That evening a gentleman from India called and gave Spurgeon \$3,000 for the orphanage, and the first letter he opened the next morning contained an equal sum. That was because Spurgeon had done what he could toward answering his own prayers.

Furthermore, our prayers must be offered in absolute humility. One bitter day a little fellow sought admission to Dr. Barnardo's Orphans' Home. The Doctor pretended to deny him, asking where his friends and vouchers were. "Friends!" shouted the boy, "I ain't got no friends. But if these ere rags," pointing to his clothes, "won't speak for me, nothing else will."

And not only in this absolute humility, but in absolute trust, our prayers must be offered. Yes, even tho they seem for a time to remain unanswered. Rev. John McNeill quaintly compares it to the "sleeping" of a spinning top. "God is working so powerfully in answering prayer that all processes have become fairly noiseless and motionless with their magnificent speed and energy" When we least suspect His answer, it will be upon us.

I do not know anything more that actually needs to be known and observed about the practice of prayer, except—to pray! Pray regularly. Pray often. Pray in some assigned place. Pray always until you receive a consciousness of Christ's presence. It may begin as a duty, but it will end as a priceless privilege; it may begin in petition, but it will end in praise.

—Sabbath Reading.